

Press Release

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2 transported to hospital after ambulance accident; 1 was a paramedic

Erie CO - An ambulance from Mountain View Fire was involved in an accident yesterday afternoon while responding to an emergency call.

The accident happened at I-25 and State Hwy 7 when crews from Mountain View Fire were responding to a report of a vehicle fire in the area of I-25/Hwy 7. The vehicle turned out to be at I-25 and Weld County Road 8. Once crews were given that information they attempted to turn around and that is when the accident occurred.

The pickup's driver and a paramedic, who was riding in the front passenger seat, were both transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Lafayette with non-life threatening injuries by North Metro Fire Rescue.

A paramedic and an EMT occupied the ambulance. Mountain View is withholding both their names at this time.

"We respond regularly to emergency and with our large district, put a lot of miles on all of our apparatus. This is the first accident of this nature we've had and it just reiterates how dangerous driving emergency apparatus can be" said Hodgson"

Mountain View made a statement Friday saying they are relieved no one was seriously injured in the accident.

"I'm sorry this happened, both to our crews and the gentleman driving the truck. However; in the same breath, we're relieved no one was seriously injured as a result" Said Mountain View's Fire Chief Randy Templeton.

Both the ambulance and the pickup were totaled in the accident.

The original vehicle fire turned out to be an overheated vehicle as a result of mechanical problems only.